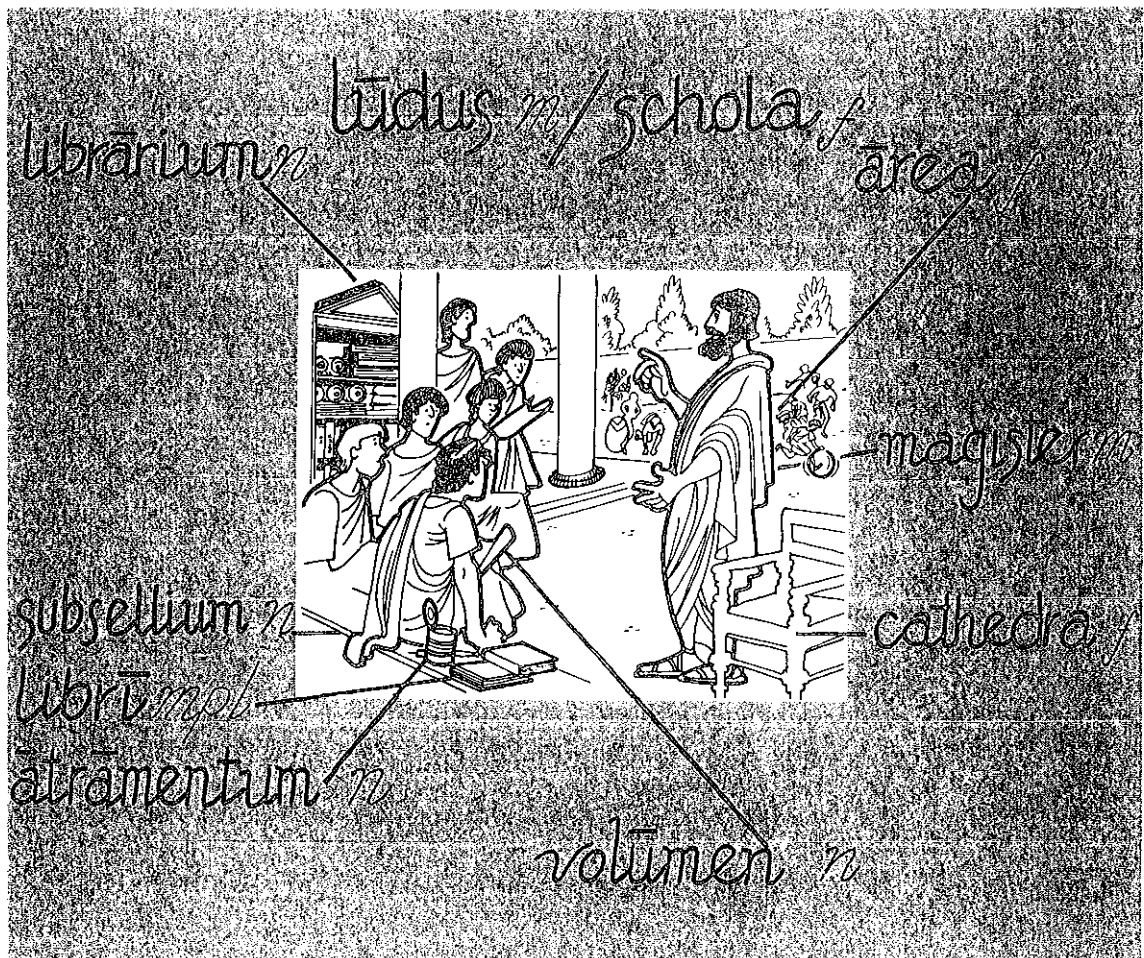


III

Schola

Neuter Nouns; Ablative and Vocative Cases

- As you can imagine, schools were quite different two thousand years ago. The common Latin word for elementary school was **lūdus**, a word that also meant *fun* and *game*! The more advanced school was called **schola**. School was usually held on an open porch (**pergula**). The pupils sat on a bench (**subsellium**) with their wax tablet (**tabula**) on their laps. They wrote on their tablet with a "pencil" (**stilus**) made of wood, bone, or steel, with a pointed end. Sometimes they were permitted to write on a sheet of expensive paper (**charta**) made of papyrus with a pen (**calamus**) dipped in ink (**ātrāmentum**). The children played on the playground (**ārea**).



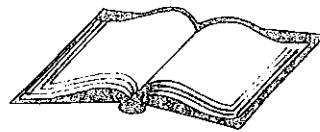
2 Vocābula. Read the words aloud after your teacher:



magister *m*



magistra *f*



liber *m*



discipulus *m*



discipula *f*



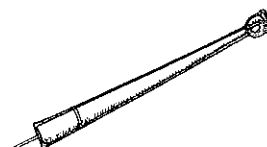
charta *f*



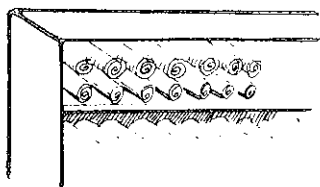
schola *f* (or *lūdus m*)



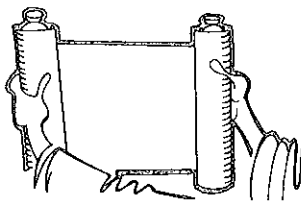
classis *f*



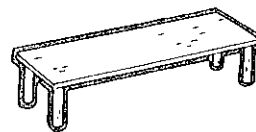
calamus *m*



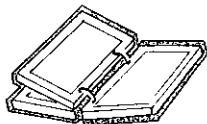
librarium *n*



volumen *n*



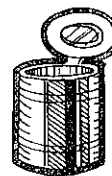
subsellium *n*



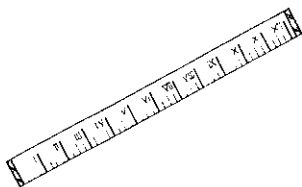
tabula *f*



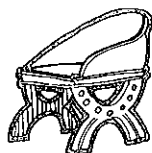
stilus *m*



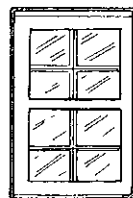
ātramentum *n*



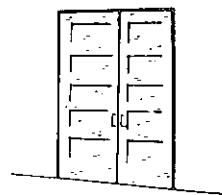
rēgula *f*



cathedra *f*



fenestra *f*



jānua *f*

- 3 Now that you know all of the new words, read the following story and see if you can understand it:

Schola Rōmāna est spatiōsa. Schola fenestram et jānuam nōn habet, sed librārium habet. Magister est persōna intellegēns et populāris. Magister ante classem stat. Classis nōn est magna; est parva sed studiōsa. Sunt trēs discipulī et trēs discipulae. Puerī et puellae in subselliō sedent. Canis et fēlēs nōn in lūdō sunt; sunt in āreā.

Omnis discipulus et omnis discipula habet librum, chartam, calamum, ātrāmentum, rēgulam, stilum, tabulam. Magister volūmen magnum habet.

Magister classem salūtāt. Classis magistrum salūtāt.

Rōmānus -a -um *Roman*

persōna -ae *f person*
ante (+ acc) *in front of*
stat *stands*

parvus -a -um *small*
trēs *three*
in on, in **sedent** *sit*

omnis *each*

